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PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY

AND/OR AUTOIMMUNE PATHOLOGIES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-7 and add the following new claims

8. A method of treating an inflammatory and/or autoimmune pathology induced by inflammatory cytokines, which method comprises administering to a patent in need of same an effective amount of a 2-aminotetraline of the formula (I)